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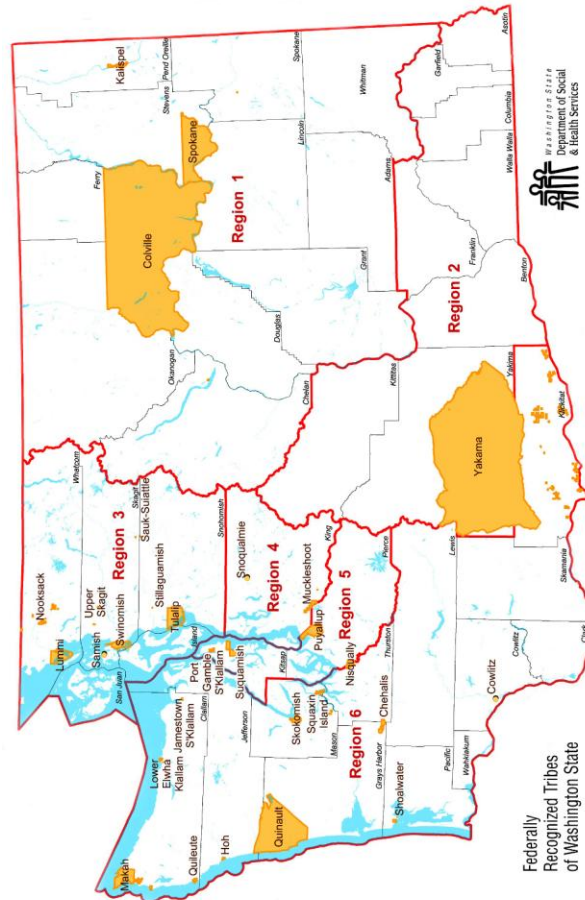
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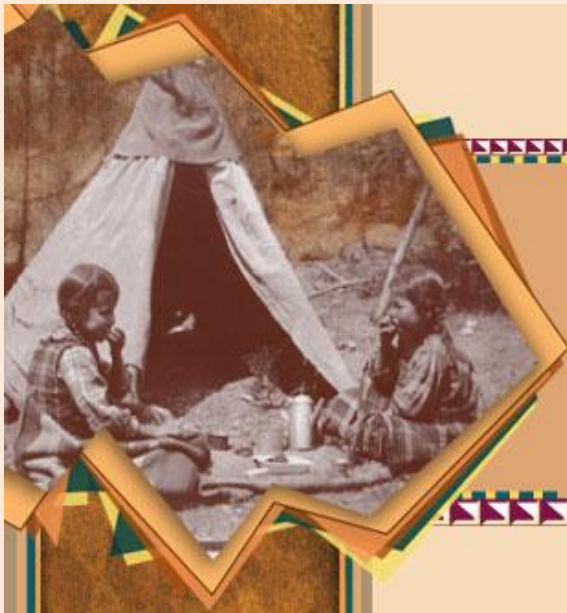


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Mission Statement

The role of the Office of Indian Policy (OIP) is to assist DSHS with meeting the collective needs of Tribal Governments and Recognized American Indian Organizations, and to assure quality and comprehensive Department of Social and Health Services service delivery to all American Indians and Alaska Natives in Washington State.



About OIP

ENSURE ACCESS

- ❖ We develop recommendations in collaboration with DSHS administrations, the Secretary's Indian Policy Advisory Committee (IPAC), Tribal governments and Recognized American Indian organizations to improve service delivery to Indian people.
- ❖ We ensure direct and timely access for tribal participation in the planning and development of DSHS service delivery.

ADVOCATE

- ❖ We advocate for culturally relevant delivery of services to Indian tribes/communities.
- ❖ We evaluate policy to ensure compliance with treaties, federal law, and Tribal/State agreements.
- ❖ We monitor and evaluate DSHS services to Indian tribes and communities.
- ❖ We ensure the implementation of the DSHS American Indian Administrative Policy 7.01.

ASSIST COMMUNICATION

- ❖ We strengthen working relationships between Indian people, DSHS and other agencies.
- ❖ We coordinate and facilitate the development of regional resources for the provision of technical assistance and training to each region.
- ❖ We facilitate consultation and information to Tribal governments, off-reservation and Alaskan Natives to keep them advised of departmental matters.

